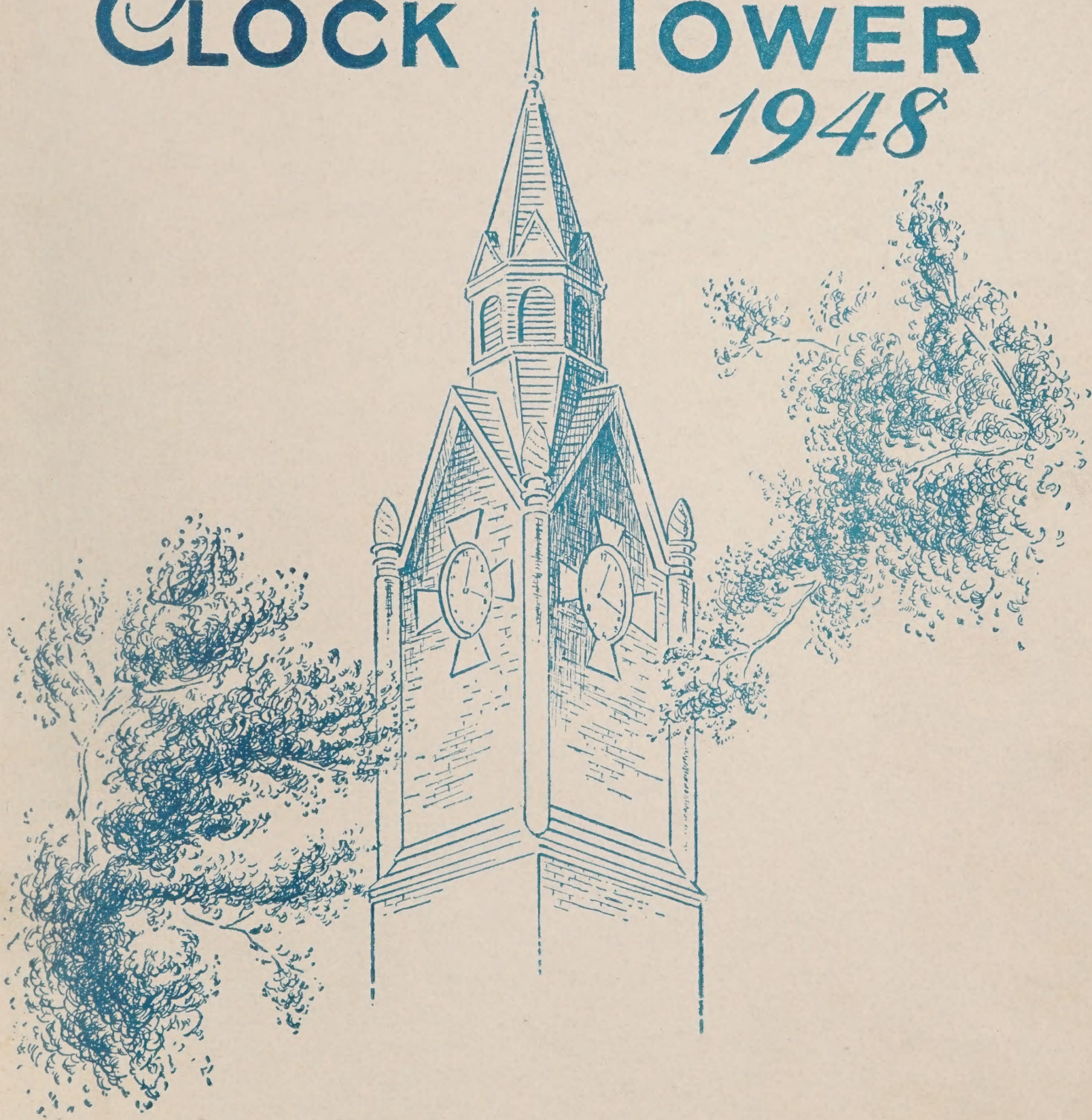


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1948



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R. GREGG CHERRY
Governor of North Carolina



Our Superintendent



DR. CARL E. RANKIN

*"Keep your faith in yourself;
you will need it when the going is heavy."*



Dedication



TO MR. ODIE W. UNDERHILL, *Vocational Principal*, in loving gratitude for the many years he has contributed to the deaf, as a friend, and educator, and a leader extraordinary.



Our Alma Mater



*May we never forget our beloved Alma Mater,
Our home for so many years.
A home to remember
When each dying ember
Will reveal how she stilled all our fears.*

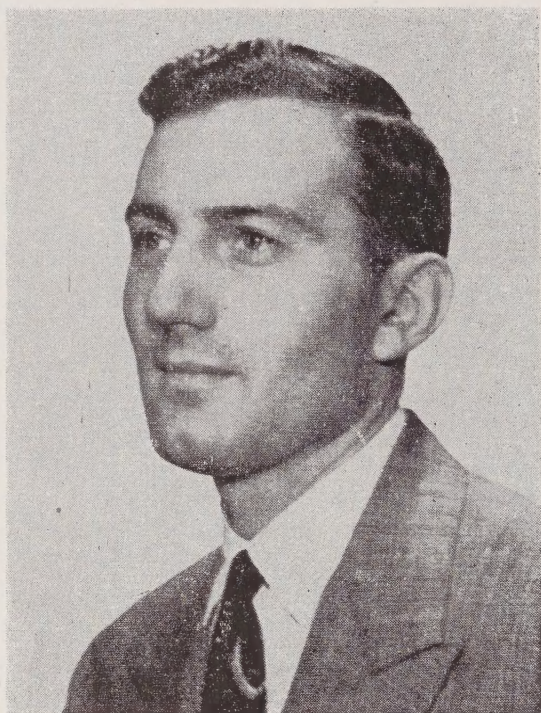
*We've gained from her gems in a cultural sphere,
A knowledge of life to be met,
How to work day by day,
To worship and pray.
A high goal for the future we've set.*

*Oh, the joys that we've had as we've plodded along,
Climbing the ladder of learning.
May the years be kind,
As we start life's grind,
May the fires of success be kept burning.*

*And now 'tis farewell, our last fond farewell,
That we bid with burning desires,
To be grateful to you,
To be loyal and true,
As the time of our stay here expires.*



Main Entrance—Clock Tower



MR. BEN E. HOFFMEYER, *Principal*

TO THE SENIORS—I did not think it could be possible to become so devoted and fond of a group in the short time we ever have known each other. Your success and our continued friendship are my wishes for the future.

MRS. FRANCES E. DAVIS, *Assistant Principal*

TO THE SENIORS—My love and best wishes always.



Class Roll

OLLIE CALHOUN, Summerfield

EARLEEN CRATER, Winston-Salem

ELRICE DANIELS, Norfolk, Va.

MELVIN ELLIS, Farmville

PATTIE KERLEY, Taylorsville

KENNETH LEONARD, Thomasville

DOTTIE MOORE, Washington

BASCOM ROBINSON, Rocky Mount

FRANCES WITHROW, Forest City



CLASS MOTTO

"To Strive, To Seek, and not to Yield"

CLASS COLORS

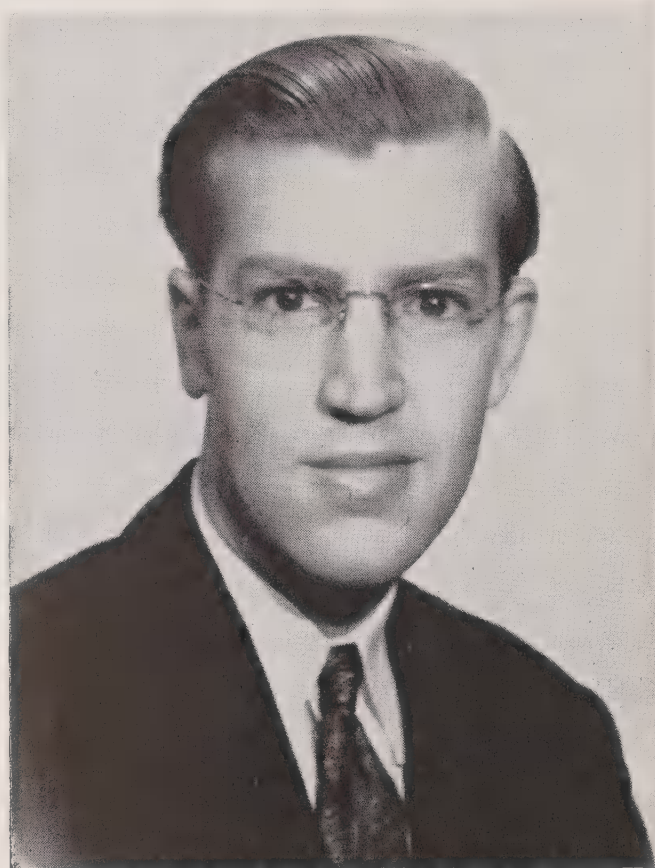
Blue and White

CLASS TREE

Winter Jasmine Shrubs

CLASS FLOWER

Red Roses

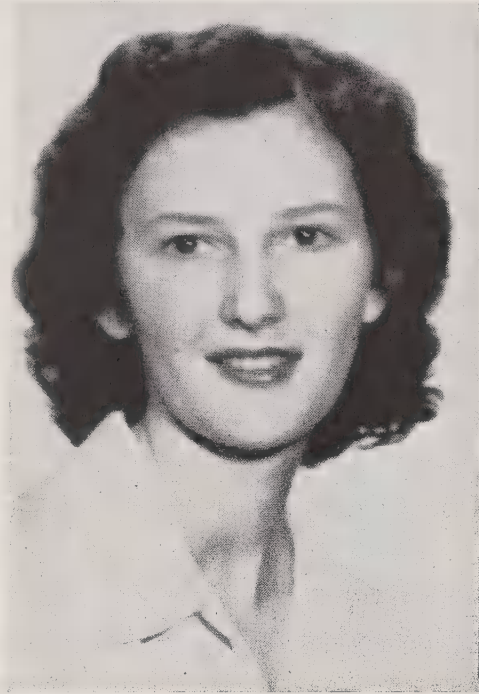


MR. BYRON HUNZIKER
Our "Home Room" Teacher

Class Officers



Left to right; Kenneth Leonard, *Treasurer*; Pattie Kerley, *Secretary*;
Ollie Calhoun, *President*; Melvin Ellis, *Vice-President*.



OLLIE VIRGINIA CALHOUN

"Penny"

*My hair is grey, but not with years,
'Twas Algebra!*

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1935 from Summerfield
Home Economics, Arts and Crafts, Typing,
Sewing

President Student Council 1947-'48

Student Council 1945-'48

Secretary Student Council 1946-'47

President Senior Class 1947-'48

Vice-President Fepha Club 1947-'48

President Goodwin Literary Society 1947-'48

Program Committee Christian Endeavor Society
1946-'48

Girl Scout 1940-'47

Basketball, Softball, Hiking, Volleyball



MARY EARLEEN CRATER

"Earl"

*Climbing high, climbing far
Her goal the sky, her aim the stars.*

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1936 from Winston-
Salem

Home Economics, Arts and Crafts, Typing,
Sewing

President Fepha Club 1947-'48

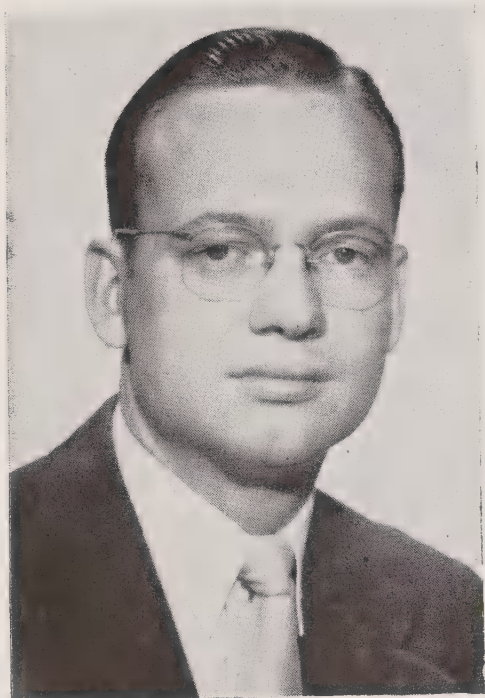
Treasurer Christian Endeavor Society 1947-'48

Goodwin Literary Society

Girl Scout 1940-'47

Swimming, Softball, Archery, Volleyball





ELRICE DUPREE DANIELS

"Red"

*My only books were women's looks
And folly's all they've taught me.*

Printing, Mechanical Drawing

Vice-President Christian Endeavor Society

1947-'48

Secretary Sterling Club 1947-'48

Secretary Student Council 1947-'48

Editor Clock Tower

Manager Football 1944-'48

Goodwin Literary Society

Scouting 1940-'47

Patrol Leader 1946-'47

Football, Volley ball, Swimming, Bowling



MELVIN THOMAS ELLIS

"Blondie"

*That man, who loses with a smile,
Will win some other day.*

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1934 from Farmville

Woodworking, Mechanical Drawing

President Sterling Club 1947-'48

Vice-President Student Council 1947-'48

Vice-President Senior Class

Advertising Manager Clock Tower

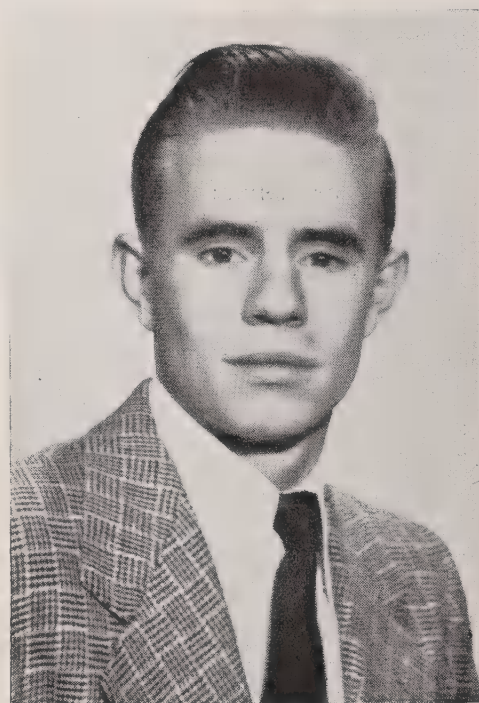
Captain Football

Scouting 1940-'47

Patrol Leader 1944-'47

Goodwin Literary Society

Football, Basketball, Softball, Volleyball





DOLAH PATRICIA KERLEY

"Pattie"

*To follow you, I'm not content
Until I know the way you went.*

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1936 from Blowing Rock
Home Economics, Arts and Crafts, Typing,
Sewing

Secretary Senior Class

Secretary Christian Endeavor Society 1947-'48

Secretary Fepha Club 1947-'48

Student Council 1947-'48

Assistant Editor of '48 Annual

Manager Basketball 1947-'48

Girl Scout 1940-'47

Deck-tennis, Badminton, Volleyball, Softball



KENNETH JEROME LEONARD

"Big Boy"

*I agree with no man's opinions.
I have some of my own!*

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1934 from High Point
Machine Shop, Mechanical Drawing

President Christian Endeavor Socitey 1947-'48

Treasurer Senior Class 1947-48

Treasurer Sterling Club 1947-'48

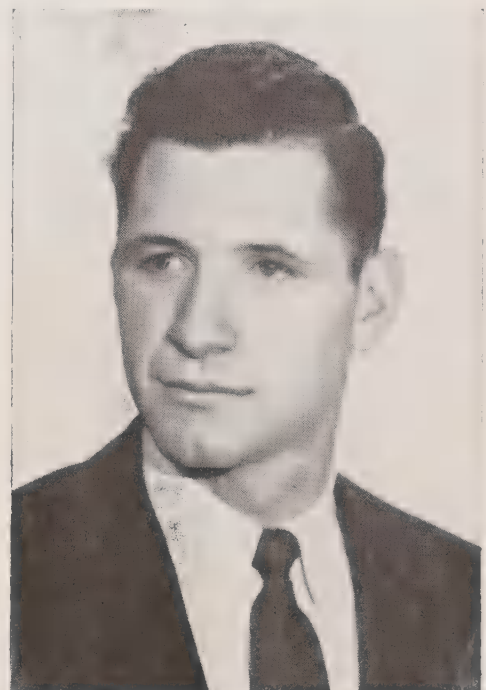
Business Manager Clock Tower

Scouting 1939-'48

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

Co-captain Football

Basketball, Softball, Football, Volleyball





DOROTHY HELEN MOORE

"Dottie"

*This world is not so bad a world
As some would like to make it.*

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1935 from Washington
Home Economics, Arts and Crafts, Typing,
Sewing

Treasurer Fepha Club 1947-'48

Girl Scout 1940-'47

Goodwin Literary Society

Basketball, Softball, Deck-tennis, Volleyball



CHARLES BASCOM ROBINSON

"Ba Ba "

*I master of my fate,
I am captain of my soul.*

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1935 from Rocky Mount
Printing, Mechanical Drawing

Program Committee Christian Endeavor Society
1947-'48

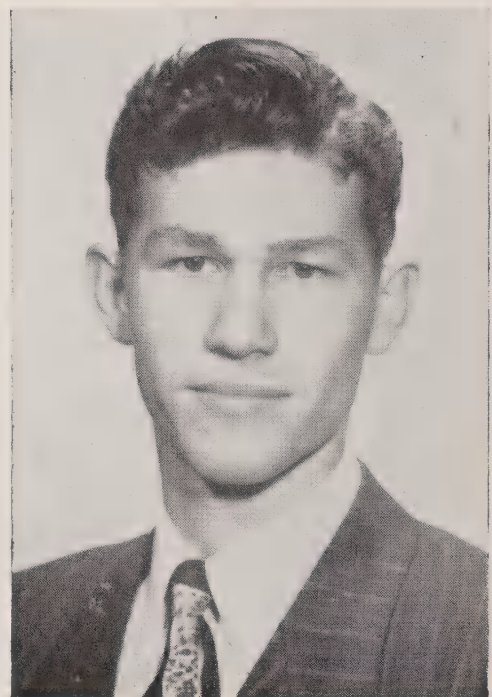
Sterling Club 1948

Boy Scout 1941-'48

Senior Patrol Leader 1947-'48

Den Chief 1946-'48

Basketball, Football, Softball, Volleyball





FRANCES KIRKSEY WITHROW

"Rusty"
Queen of May Day,
Need more be said?

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1935 from Rutherfordton
 Home Economics, Arts and Crafts, Typing,
 Sewing

Program Committee Christian Endeavor Society
 1947-'48

Committee Fepha Club 1947-'48

Girl Scout 1940-'47

Captain Basketball 1947-'48

Senior Life Saving 1946

Goodwin Literary Society

Softball, Badminton, Basketball, Swimming



R. H. BLEDSON

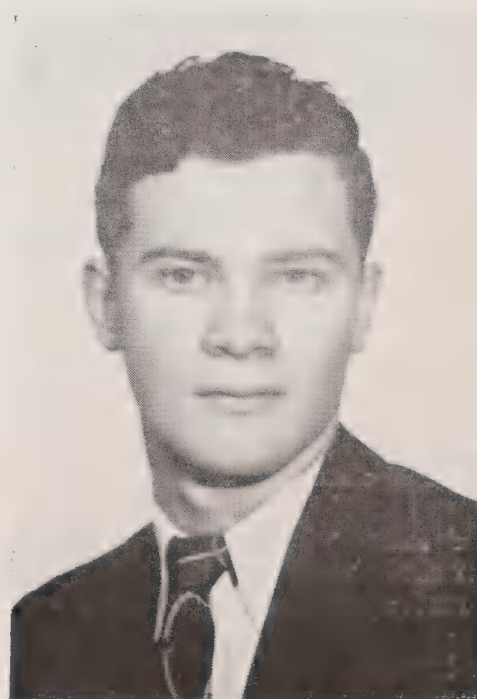
"Orange"

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1939 from Fleetwood
 Woodworking, Mechanical Drawing

Sterling Club 1947-'48

Football, Softball, Swimming

R. H. Bledson has the honor of receiving the
 first Vocational Diploma given by the North
 Carolina School for the Deaf.



Days of Auld Lang Syne



1. Frances Withrow, 2. Dottie Moore, 3. Earleen Crater;
4. Melvin Ellis, 5. Bascom Robinson, 6. Ollie Calhoun;
7. Pattie Kerley, 8. Elrice Daniels, 9. Kenneth Leonard.

Class History

By EARLEEN CRATER



It seems like only yesterday, but in reality the class of 1948 started in 1934. At this date Kenneth Leonard and Melvin Ellis entered the primary department at Goodwin Hall. We doubt if anyone realized how important those two homesick little boys were to become to our football team. Their first teacher was the former Edna Miller. Then in 1935 five more of our class entered the primary department. They were: Elrice Daniels, Bascom Robinson, Ollie Calhoun, Dottie Moore, and Frances Withrow. Ollie and Elrice had Nan Jeter as their first teacher, Bascom and Dottie were in Miss Joy Bower's class and Frances received her start under Mrs. Walker. 1936 brought us two more mischievous little girls, Pattie Kerley and Earleen Crater. They were placed in Marjorie Gordon's class.

Throughout their stay here, the members of the class have witnessed several history-making events at the school. In 1937, the entire school was deeply shocked at the death of Supt. Goodwin. This shock was partly counteracted by the election of Dr. Carl E. Rankin to fill the vacancy as superintendent. Then on February 14, 1938, we received another great shock when the entire upper school building was destroyed by fire. We had to put up with make-shift class rooms for awhile, but no time was lost in constructing a new and more modern building of which we are still justly proud.

In 1945 the members of our class were brought together in one class for the first time, under the guidance of Miss Kibler. During this same year, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Butler joined the staff of the school as instructors of physical education and girls handicrafts, respectively. Then in 1946 Mr. Hunziker joined the staff and taught us mathematics and Mrs. Hunziker became our Home Economic instructor. In December we were saddened by news of the death of Miss Mauzy, one of our former teachers.

The year 1944 brought the establishment of the first real chemistry and science laboratory in our school, and the school was lucky in securing Dr. Randolph to handle this new innovation. Since that time we have spent four very pleasant and instructive years in the laboratory with Dr. Randolph.

In our reminiscences we must not overlook the Main Building, which houses the offices and dormitories. In 1938 the entire Main Building received a face-lifting which rendered it more modern and fire proof. Many of us were sad to see many of the familiar old-fashioned scenes at the Main Building changed, but the added safety, which we all felt, compensated for the loss of beauty.

Lorene Howard came to join our class in 1946, but at the end of the year she left. Charlie Holbrook also left us in 1946, so the Class of 1948 began their senior with exactly nine members, all of whom have had the endurance to "hold out" until graduation.

ANALYSIS OF CLASS 1948

SENIORS	AMBITIONS	HOBBIES	FUNNY HABITS	FAVORITE SAYINGS
Ollie Calhoun	To be an office girl	Collecting Books	Shrugging her shoulders	"I don't know"
Earleen Crater	To be a Clerk	Photography	Grinning	"Sure"
Elrice Daniels	To be a linotype operator	Collecting snapshots	Blushing	"I wonder"
Melvin Ellis	To own a Furniture Company	Reading	Scowling	"I don't like it"
Pattie Kerley	To be a teacher	Collecting postcards	Wrinkling her nose	" Why"
Dottie Moore	To be a dressmaker	Sewing	Yelling	"I never did"
Kenneth Leonard	To be a machinist	Photography	Arguing	"If"
Bascom Robinson	To be a linotype operator	Dancing	Whistling	"How"
Frances Withrow	To be a typist clerk	Photography	Pulling up her skirt	"Well"

Class Will



Realizing that our scholastic career is nearing an end and that our days on the N. C. S. D. hill are numbered, we, the Class of 1948, being sound in mind and body, do proclaim this our Last Will and Testament.

As individuals, the members of the class make the following bequests:

Kenneth Leonard leaves his love for arguing and his "Paul Bunyan" size to Earl Smith.

Melvin Ellis' dislike for having his photo taken, his determination to succeed, both in sports and in the classroom, are left to Wayne Hilton.

Dottie Moore leaves her love for gossiping and her indifferent attitude to Doris Hardison.

Bascom Robinson's skill in dancing is left to Richard Brown.

Ollie Calhoun's dislike for mathematics, her habit of daydreaming, and her office as President of the Chewing Gum Club are left to Evelyn Michael.

Pattie Kerley's seriousness and ability to secure good report cards are left to Elsie Little. These things are important, Elsie, don't lose them.

Elrice Daniels leaves his habit of blushing and his title as "Romeo of the Campus" to Raleigh Mooney.

Frances Withrow's toothaches and headaches are to be deported to Russia. Her habit of keeping herself "Well-spruced is left to Mary Rose Whitley.

Earleen Crater's quiet, unassuming manner and her skill in algebra are left in the keeping of Julia Ray.

The following bequests are made collectively by the class as a whole:

To Dr. Rankin and the Board of Directors, the class leaves their sincere thanks for an administration that has made our stay here both beneficial and pleasant.

Heart-felt thanks and appreciation is also left to Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Underhill for their unselfish efforts in our behalf.

To the Class of 1949, we bequeath a pleasant class room, a set of textbooks that have been well broken-in, and a slightly exhausted home room teacher. We will take our headaches with us, knowing full well the Class of 1949 will find a bountiful supply of their own.

Another large portion of sincere thanks and appreciation is left to our teachers in return for all they have done for us. We hope we will be able to live in such a way as to show them that their efforts have not been in vain.

Signed: The Class of 1948

Witnesses:

Mr. Byron Hunziker

Mrs. Marie Davis

Mr. Ben Hoffmeyer

Dated this 10th day of June, 1948.



Superlatives of the Class of 1948



GIRLS

SUPERLATIVES

Boys

Earleen Crater	<i>Best Looking</i>	Melvin Ellis
Frances Withrow	<i>Best Dressed</i>	Bascom Robinson
Frances Withrow	<i>Best All Around</i>	Kenneth Leonard
Dottie Moore	<i>Most Athletic</i>	Melvin Ellis
Dottie Moore	<i>Biggest Flirt</i>	Elrice Daniels
Pattie Kerley	<i>Most Studious</i>	Melvin Ellis
Ollie Calhoun	<i>Sleepiest</i>	Elrice Daniels
Earleen Crater	<i>Most Likely to Succeed</i>	Melvin Ellis
Pattie Kerley	<i>Most Energetic</i>	Kenneth Leonard
Earleen Crater	<i>Quietest</i>	Bascom Robinson
Dottie Moore	<i>Most Talkative</i>	Elrice Daniels
Frances Withrow	<i>Most Cheerful</i>	Kenneth Leonard
Earleen Crater	<i>Most Courteous</i>	Kenneth Leonard
Ollie Calhoun	<i>Most Popular</i>	Melvin Ellis
Frances Withrow	<i>Most Sportsmanlike</i>	Kenneth Leonard
Ollie Calhoun	<i>Most Mischevious</i>	Melvin Ellis

Class Prophecy

By OLLIE CALHOUN



One warm spring day in 1960, I decided to take time off from my duties as president of the Calhoun Gum Co. and see how things were getting along at Morganton. After a pleasant fifteen minutes drive in my Jetmobile, I found myself in front of the newly remodeled main building. Of course, my first thought was to see the new gymnasium - but imagine my surprise to find the old gym still in use. Soon overcoming my surprise and disappointment I decided to call on Dr. Rankin. However, he was not in his office and after some inquiries I found he was down in the dairy barn supervising the installation of some new Atomic Milking Machines. Next I paid a visit to the class rooms and was disappointed to find no familiar faces there. However, I learned that Dr. Randolph was still living in Morganton and although he had reached the ripe old age of (censored) he conducted a weekly Boy Scout hike to the top of Table Rock. Arriving at his home I found him tinkering around with a mass of copper tubing, boilers, and other equipment. At first I thought he had become a moonshiner, but upon seeing me he immediately began a description of his new invention. It was a device which, he claimed, would make a pill which would enable the user to see anything or anyone he set his mind on. After this explanation Dr. Randolph paused for a minute to see who he had been talking with and was greatly surprised to find it was one of his old pupils. We had a nice time talking over the old days at N. C. S. D. and as I was prepared to leave Dr. Randolph offered to permit me to be the first to test his new invention. Hating to disappoint the old gentleman, I consented, and with great misgivings swallowed one of the little purple pills.

Immediately my head began to swim and there were red, white, and blue spots before my eyes. Only half-conscious, I became aware of Dr. Randolph dancing around shouting "Eureka!"

and encouraging me to "Think, think, think!" For some reason my mind first turned to big Kenneth Leonard and I found myself looking on an interesting scene. This scene was in an immense forest someplace, and after careful study I found it was in one of the red-wood forests of California. There were many men busy everywhere cutting down trees, making records in books, and loading logs on trains. My attention became fastened on a group of men who were attempting to make a huge log roll the last few inches onto a freight car. They were sweating and groaning, but all to no avail. All of a sudden a large well-dressed man with a blazing red necktie, a diamond stick-pin, and a gold headed cane appeared. He saw the situation and walked up to the log. With one well-placed shove he sent the log rolling into position, and then sauntered disdainfully away. I had no trouble in recognizing this man as Kenneth Leonard, but still didn't know what he was doing there. After surveying the scene again, I found the answer when I saw a truck with the words "Leonard Lumber Co." written on the side.

Satisfied that Kenneth was doing all right, I turned my thoughts to Dottie Moore and immediately saw a figure dressed in white working over another person laying on a flat white table. At first I thought it was a nurse or doctor performing an operation - but after a second glance I saw that it was a beauty parlor in Hollywood and the white-clad figure was none other than Dottie Moore. Dottie certainly had been successful in her work. Among her personal customers were listed every famous movie star in Hollywood and several famous people came all the way from New York to receive monthly beauty treatments in her beauty parlor. I was very anxious to talk to Dottie, but of course the pills I had swallowed did not enable other persons to see or converse with me, so I had to be satisfied by just looking.



Next my mind turned to Elrice Daniels, and I found myself looking through a huge plate glass window bearing the following inscription: Dr. Daniels. Let me save your shoes from the trash pile". On closer inspection I saw Elrice, himself, surrounded by a pile of shoes. After watching him swing his cobbler's hammar for a few minutes, I was convinced that he was turly a "Doctor" in his trade. Don't ask me how he happened to take up this trade. I wanted to ask him, but of course I was unable to talk with him.

Now my attention turned to Earleen Crater, the mathematic wizard. I half expected to find her teaching mathematic in some large college, but instead found her as the proud owner of a large wholesale company in New York. She had not changed much in appearance and appeared from very happy in her work. Earlene's new company handled everything from shoe-strings to ocean liners. Remembering that Earlene had been married on July 4, 1948, I looked around for her husband but was disappointed to find he was a stranger to me. After watching Earleen for a while I was soon convinced that everyone liked her even though she was a very strict boss. She could tell at a glance whether the bookkeepers were making mistakes or not.

Frances Withrow was the next to come to my mind. She had married the rich owner of one of the South's leading textile mills and had a beautiful home on the east coast of N. C. I watched her go about her household duties for awhile, and discovered that three-fourths of her time was spent taking care of her four children. In the basement I was surprised to find that she had a whole room full of Algebra books. Watching her, I wondered what in the world she wanted with all of those books. After awhile I discovered the answer. Frances received great pleasure from hurling an Algebra book in the furnace whenever she felt like it. Sometimes just for variety she would chop one to pieces with an ax. Frances certainly had not changed much.

Bascom Robinson proved to be a bit difficult. I had to focus my mind on him for several minutes before he came into view. He was dancing with a beautiful brunette and at first I thought it was his wife. Looking around the room I noticed several other young ladies watching him with adoring eyes. It soon became apparent that Bascom had become a professional dancing instructor, and from the looks of his customers he was a very popular young man.

When I saw Melvin Ellis, I knew at once that he had succeeded in his ambition to own a furniture factory. He was sitting at a huge mahogany desk smoking a cigar and he had a bay-window that would have taken first prize at any business men's meeting. Above his desk there hung several pictures of factories. Upon examining them closely, I found they were pictures of the various branches of his furniture company. No doubt about it. Melvin was surely making a success of his life.

Finally, my thoughts turned to Pattie Kerley. I expected to find her at home reading a book, but instead saw her seated at a table with a handsome man and three little girls. It was late in the evening, so she had probably finished work. However, I listened to their conversation hoping to discover what kind of work she was doing. It soon became apparent that she was teaching literature in the S. C. School for the Deaf and keeping house for her husband and children.

By this time the effects of the pill had begun to wear off and I again found myself back in Dr. Randolph's lab. I had a terrific headache and Dr. Randolph offered to let me sample another of his inventions - guaranteed to cure anything, but I politely declined and bid him a fond farewell. After fixing up my headache with a few aspirins, I looked back over my experience and was certainly pleased when I recollected that every one of my old class had been very successful in life.



Thanksgiving Drama

This year was the first time our school had attempted to give a play in the auditorium as part of the Thanksgiving Program. According to reports received from the spectators, this was the best play ever presented on our stage. Mrs. George H. Bailey directed the play and Miss Mary Frances Miller, crafts teacher, was in charge of the scenery.

The setting was the kitchen of a log cabin at Plymouth, Mass. away back in 1621. The interior of the kitchen was very simple although realistic. The log walls were made of paper mounted on plywood and the stone fireplace also looked very convincing, although it too was made of paper. Snow-capped trees and glittering snowflakes could be seen through the cabin's one window.

The room was furnished with colonial tables, chairs, a spinning wheel, a bed-warming pan, rags rugs, gourd dippers, a musket, and a dutch oven. At one time in the play a pan of bread dough was placed in the oven and later taken out fully baked, much to the astonishment of the audience.

Those taking part in the play were: Pattie Kerley, Kenneth Leonard, Richard Absher, Joyce Gallimore, Ronald Richards, Dan Miller and Everette McAllister. They were all authentically dressed in costumes of the pilgrim days. These costumes were the work of the girls' sewing classes under Mrs. Wesson and Mrs. Freeman.



Christmas Pageant

For several years the Christmas Pageant has been an annual affair on the stage in our auditorium. Each year seems to find quite a bit of improvement over the previous pageant. Mrs. Marie Davis and Mrs. Addie Knox were in charge of the program, which was attended by quite a few people from Morganton in addition to the students and faculty members.

Frances Withrow enacted the part of Mary, Elrice Daniels was Joseph, Earleen Crater was Gabriel. Pattie Kerley, Ollie Calhoun, and Dottie Moore were the angels, Buford Pressley played the part of King Herod, and the girls and boys from 11th grade acted as wise men and travelers.

The entire story of the birth of Jesus was portrayed. Beginning with the angel's visit to Mary, we saw scenes at the inn in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary in the stable, the angel's visit to the shepherds, the three Wise Men following the star, and the Baby Jesus in the manger. Throughout the play the stage was lighted with a beautiful colored spotlight, which changed colors according to the mood of the scene taking place.

The acting, costumes and the lighting effects were superb. Many voted it the best pageant held in years. The spectators were held spellbound by the beauty and reality of this portrayal of the Christmas Story.



Boys' BASKETBALL



Girls' BASKETBALL

Sports

By MELVIN ELLIS

FOOTBALL

As another school year nears its end, we can look back over a rather successful year in athletics. Our teams did not have an extraordinary string of victories nor did they win any championship, but they did put up a good fight in every game and never failed to show good sportsmanship. This sportsmanship, even in the face of hopeless odds, did much to create respect for our teams.

Practice opened August 20, with forty boys reporting to try out for berths on the team. Coach Fishler, who replaced Raymond Butler, really put the boys through a rigorous session of conditioning before allowing any scrimmage. At first it appeared that the loss of four lettermen from last years squad would weaken the team considerably, but Coach Fishler soon found men to fit into the vacant positions. However, no one could be found to duplicate the passing of Marvin Tuttle, a fact which hindered the team throughout the session.

Perhaps the most exciting games of the year were the ones with the Florida and Virginia Schools for the Deaf. Florida was defeated by a score of 7-4 on the Morganton High School field and this was probably the cleanest game of the year. The game with Virginia was played on the Virginia field and ended in a 19 - 32 defeat for the Bears. Both Wayne Hilton and Melvin Ellis were injured in this game, but luckily they were able to finish the season.

The most heartbreaking game of the year came near the end of the season when the Bears ran up against the strong Hickory team and went down in defeat to the tune of 54 - 6. In this game the Bears again gave the fans a taste of their unbeatable spirit and sportsmanship. Although Hickory had a vast advantage in weight and substitutes, the Bears kept plunging until the end. So many of the N. C. boys were injured in this game that it was necessary to forfeit the final game of the year with Lincolnton. It was discovered that Earl Smith had

suffered a ruptured kidney and fractured vertebrae in this game and had to be taken to Charlotte Memorial Hospital. At the time of this writing, we are happy to say that Earl has completely recovered and is back in school.

In summing up the season's record we find that of the thirteen games played, four were won and one was a tie. This record may not seem so impressive, but when one takes into consideration the tremendous odds against which the Bears had to complete he must admit that to win even four games took a "never say die" spirit. R. H. Bledsoe, veteran lineman, won a honorable mention on the All-State team and also a position on the All-American Schools for the Deaf team.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

After a brief rest from the rigors of the football season, the Bears assembled in the gym on December 1, to begin practice for a 16 game basketball schedule. Bernie Cumbee, Marvin Tuttle, and Truitt Saunders were missing from this years team, but Coach Fishler soon found replacements. The gym floor was painted and the seats also received a couple coats of paint, and then the Bears really buckled down to practice - hoping to avenge some of their gridiron defeats.

In an exhibition game with the Statesville All-Stars on December 13, the Bears gave the fans a peek at what was in store for them by completely out-classing the visitors to the score of 42-33. The first conference game of the season was with our old rival, Morganton High School. This game turned out to be a thrilling over-time affair which ended in a 30-29 victory for Morganton. In the second conference game, Shelby gave the Bears a 31-21 licking. By the time the third game rolled around, the Bears were in better condition and proceeded to whip the taller Rutherfordton quintet 46-29. On January 20, a return game was played with Morganton High School and



the Bears showed excellent form and cooperation as they romped to an easy 37-29 victory.

Topping off the heavy January schedule was a trip to Washington, D. C. Enroute to Washington the Bears paused in Virginia long enough to hand the Virginia School for the Deaf a 30-17 drubbing. Proceeding to Washington, the team spent a busy day sight-seeing and then went down in defeat before a fast playing Kendall School team 27-23.

The remainder of the season was completed without any remarkable incident. In the Valdese Tournament the Bears proved to be a favorite with the crowd but in the end the over-worked Bears came out in fourth place. In this tournament, Richard Bowman, young ace center of the team, won top scoring honors, a berth on the All-Tourney team, plus an individual trophy for his playing. The Bears also entered the Winston-Salem Tournament and got off to a good start by defeating Elon College 41-25. However, they were eliminated in the second round by Claremont High, 30-29.

Throughout the year's athletic program the Seniors did their share. On the grid-iron the Seniors had diminutive Melvin Ellis, masive Kenneth Leonard, and Bascom Robinson, as well as Elrice Daniels who was manager. At the end of the football season, these same three Seniors transferred their attentions to the basketball court and all three were regulars on

the team. Here, again, Elrice turned up in the capacity of assistant manager. During the season the N. C. quintet racked up a total of 900 points of which 442 were made of the three Seniors players.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Under the tutelage of Miss Rotha, the Bearettes got off to an early start with their basketball practice while the boys were still tumbling around on the football field. The team had lost three regulars by graduation, but this did not hinder them greatly. The girls proceeded to drop their first two exhibition games, but got back in form just in time to cop their first conference game with Morganton, 13-10. The second conference game, this time with Shelby, also ended in victory for the Bearettes. Then the girls went into a slump, losing four straight conference games. On the trip to Washington, the girls defeated the Virginia girls 38-21 and then went down in defeat with the Kendall girls 40-38.

Although strong in defense, the Bearettes proved a bit weak in scoring - which may have been due to their lack in height. Regardless of the odds against them, the Bearettes never once failed to show the fighting spirit and sportsmanship for which N. C. School for the Deaf teams are noted. Not to be outdone by the boys, the Seniors girls placed two of their class, Frances Withrow and Dottie Moore, on the team, and Pattie Kerley as manager.





Kenneth Leonard, *End*



Melvin Ellis, *Back*



Bascom Robinson, *Tackle*

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THIRD ROW—Thomas Fishler, coach; Daniels, manager; McKenzie; Hall; Arrington;
 Absher; Mooney, assistant manager; Wm. Brightwell, assistant coach.

Salutatory

OLLIE CALHOUN

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On this special day we, the Class of 1948, take great pleasure in bidding you all welcome.

Parents, friends, and alumni, you have no idea how much your presence here this morning thrills us. Perhaps most of you share our pride and happiness because you have helped us to attain our goal.

Teachers, we will be everlastingly indebted to you for helping us to reach our goal. We shall never forget your patience and efforts in our behalf. It is largely due to you that our years here have been so happy and productive. It is hard for us to realize that today marks the end of our pleasant years with you.

Among those present today I see a great number of students who have been like brothers and sisters to us. We can assure you that each of you and the good times we have shared in the past shall always be with us in memory.

Dr. Poole, we consider it a great honor to have you with us today to give our commencement address. We hope that you will enjoy our program.

Dr. Rondthaler and Rev. Clower, we appreciate your presence at our graduating exercises and also the sincere interest you have shown us in the past.

Again, friends, we salute you and bid you a fond welcome.

Valedictory

PATTIE KERLEY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our goal, Graduation Day, has arrived at last. We have now come to the end of one of the happiest periods in our life and are ready to begin the climb to useful manhood and womanhood. It is hard to realize that we are about to leave our beloved Alma Mater, our home for so many years, and our friends to whom we have grown deeply attached. We leave with a mingled feeling of joy and sorrow; joy because we are now at the goal of our school life and sorrow because of the many friends we must leave behind.

To the Superintendent, Principals and Teachers:

We give you our undying gratitude for your efforts and patience in preparing us to go forth unafraid into the world. Each of us feel certain that with the training you have so painstakingly given us, we shall have no trouble in finding a useful place in the world of today. We promise that we shall always try to live and work in such a way as to prove our gratitude.

To the Board of Directors:

The Class of 1948 wishes to express its appreciation for the many opportunities afforded us here at school. We realize that these opportunities would not have been possible without the wise and unselfish leadership you have given. Knowing that we have such a fine group of men behind us when we leave school gives us confidence. We promise you that you will never have occasion to be ashamed of us.

And to our school mates and a beloved Alma Mater, We bid an affectionate farewell!



Commencement Program



FIFTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT
of the
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THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1948

10:30 o'clock

1. Invocation REV. JOSEPH B. CLOWER
2. Greetings and Announcements DR. CARL E. RANKIN,
Superintendent
3. Salutatory OLLIE CALHOUN
4. Introduction DR. HOWARD E. RONDTHALER,
President, Board of Directors
5. Commencement Address DR. ROBERT F. POOLE,
President, Clemson College
6. Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates DR. RONDTHALER
7. Awarding of Prizes DR. C. E. RANKIN
8. Valedictory PATTIE KERLEY
9. Benediction REV. JOSEPH B. CLOWER

Students' Organizations



1. Student Council; 2. Fepha Club; 3. Sterling Club; 4. Christian Endeavor; 5. Goodwin Literary

1948 May Queen and Her Court



From left: Wilma Lance, Pattie Kerley, Mary Rose Whitley, Elsie Little, Earleen Crater, *Maid of Honor*; Frances Withrow, *Queen of the May*; Julia Ray, Dottie Moore, Ollie Calhoun, and Pearl Anders. Standing on Steps: Christine Bain and Virgie Wright, *Flower Girls*; Ray Kirby and Maurice Ray, *Train bearers*.



WASHINGTON TRIP

JAN. 29-31

1. Our jalepy. 2. Better watch him, Vera! 3. Part of the gang. 4. ????. 5. U.S. Capitol. 6. At Mt Vernon. 7. Following in Washington's footsteps. 8. Visit with Rep. Jones in Washington. 9. Looking down the Mall. 10. Looks like a popular gal. 11. Gallaudet College. 12. Stop spoiling the pictures, Elrice. 13. Supreme Court (in the background). Supreme couple in front. 14. George Washington slept here.



Campus Scenes

1. Showing off. 2. Gee, it's cold. 3. Bird's eye view. 5. Two little Bearettes. 6. Home work. 7. What's so funny. 8. Taking it easy. 9. "After school" smiles. 10. Hi, what's up? 11. Fun in the sun. 12. Landmark of N.C.S.D. 12. Seniors in the snow. 13. Warning! 14. Careful! boss is watching.



1. Let's go. 2. Serious lads. 3. Old man winter. 4. Study hour. 5. Ain't we cute. 6. Winter fun. 7. Big Shot. 8. 3:45 p.m. Preme-
made 9 Skull practice 10. We're hungry 11. Those two again. 12. Saw birds 13. Campus hour.



1. At Look Out Point. 2. Halt, or I fire! 3. In Durham. 4. Soaking in the scenery. 5. Stop pointing. boys. It isn't nice. 6. Looks lonesome, doesn't he girls? 7. Big time advertising. 8. And a good time was had by all. 9. On the lookout for bears. 10. Junior Birdman. 11. Bears on the road. 12. Hail, Hail, the gang'all here! 13. Visit with the Harrells. 14. Sitting on top of the world. 15. Looks like a "free-for-all". 16. Soup's on! 17. Roses in bloom. 18. Happy group in Raleigh. 19. Spoils of victory. 20. Still more roses-and one thorn. 22. Out at Perkin's Farm. 23. Off to Farm and Home Week at State College. 24. Gossip Club. 25. Shopping trip. 26. Three of a kind. 27. Queenie. 28. Why men leave home.

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